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SUBJ: CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITH CHILE

1. THE SOVIET-SUPPORTED INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE FOR CHILE IS SPONSORING AN "INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE FOR THE PEOPLE OF CHILE" IN ATHENS NOVEMBER 13-16. WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONAL SUPERVISION PROVIDED BY THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF GREECE (EXTERIOR - MOSCOW LINE), THE CONFERENCE HAS REPORTEDLY GATHERED "500 DELEGATES FROM 80 COUNTRIES AND 30 INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS". NOT SURPRISINGLY COMMUNIST AND COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED ORGANIZATIONS PREDOMINATE AMONG THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS PARTICIPATING.

2. THE CONFERENCE'S SLOGANS -- WHICH ARE ITS SUBSTANCE -- CALL FOR THE END OF THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT, THE END OF THE SUFFERING OF THE CHILEAN PEOPLE, THE IMMEDIATE LIBERATION OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CHILE (PCCH) LUIS CORVALAN, AND RESISTANCE TO IMPERIALISM. THUS FAR THE CONFERENCE'S HIGHLIGHT, IF IT CAN BE CALLED THAT, HAS BEEN A LACKLUSTER SPEECH BY HORTENSIA BUSSI DE ALLENDE AT AN OUTDOOR RALLY HELD THE NIGHT OF NOVEMBER 13 IN A SOCCER STADIUM.

3. THE SOLIDARITY CONFERENCE HAS BROUGHT TOGETHER IN ATHENS
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MANY OF THE EXILED CHILEAN LEADERS OF POPULAR UNITY, E.G.

FORMER MINISTER CLODOMIRO ALMEIDA; THE PCCH'S VOLODIA
TEITILBOIM, GLADYS MARIN AND LUIS FIGUEROA; PS LEADER
CARLOS ALTAMIRANO; MARU'S OSCAR GARRTON; AND PR'S

CAMILLO SALVO. IN LISTING CHILEAN DELEGATES THE GREEK
COMMUNIST PRESS ALSO REPORTS THE PRESENCE OF A "GENERAL
POBLEK" (PHONETIC).

4. CLODOMIRO ALMEIDA'S INTERVIEW WITH ONE OF THE LOCAL
NEWSPAPERS MAY BE NOTEWORTHY. IN IT HE STATES HIS
OPTIMISM THAT OVER THE LONG RUN PINOCHET WILL BE OVERTHROWN.
HOWEVER, HE SEEMS TO EXPRESS SOME PESSIMISM ABOUT SHORT TERM
PROSPECTS FOR THE ANTI-PINOCHET FORCES. THUS, ASKED ABOUT
WHETHER "THE STRUGGLE WAS ADVANCING IN CHILE", ALMEIDA RESPONDED
"THE STRUGGLE WAS GOING AHEAD UNDER VERY DIFFICULT CIRCUM-
STANCES BECAUSE THERE IS A VERY SEVERE COUNTER PRESSURE FROM
THE GOVERNMENT". LATER IN THE INTERVIEW HE STATED THAT HE
COULD NOT FORESEE THE DATE WHEN THE JUNTA WOULD FALL, BUT
EXPRESSED OPTIMISM THAT IT EVENTUALLY WOULD SINCE "NO FASCISM
CAN BE MAINTAINED FOREVER".

5. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FAR RIGHT THE CONFERENCE HAS
BEEN GIVEN A RATHER WARM RECEPTION BY GREEKS OF ALL
POLITICAL PERSUASIONS, EVEN THOSE OF A CONSERVATIVE BENT WHO
PRESUMABLY RECOGNIZE THAT IT IS ORGANIZED AND RUN BY THE COMMUNISTS.

GREEKS SEEM TO EMPATHIZE WITH CHILE ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY,
TOO, SUFFERED UNDER A MILITARY DICTATORSHIP. THUS, IN ADDITION
TO MESSAGES OF SOLIDARITY FROM VARIOUS POLITICAL LEADERS
-- ALL POLITICAL PARTIES WERE REPRESENTED AT THE OPENING
SESSION WHEN MRS. ALLENDE SPOKE. OF SPECIAL INTEREST, IS THE
SUPPORT GIVEN TO THE NOVEMBER 13 GATHERING BY THE OPPOSITION LIBERAL
PAPER TA NEA, WHICH HAS ANNOUNCED IT PROVIDED BOTH MONEY AND
PERSONNEL TO UNDERWRITE THE PUBLIC RALLY.

6. ONCE AGAIN GREECE'S TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES HAD A DUST UP
OVER THE PUBLIC MANIFESTATIONS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF
THE EXTERIOR'S RAVAL, THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE INTERIOR,
COMPLAINING THAT ITS DELEGATES WERE IGNORED AT THE SESSION.
INDEED, THE EXTERIOR HAS MADE A CONSCIOUS EFFORT TO EXCLUDE
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THE INTERIOR PARTY FROM MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION IN THESE EVENTS.

7. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WAS
UNENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT ATHENS BEING THE SITE OF THIS CONFERENCE
AND, IN FACT, A GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE
GOG IS NEITHER PARTICIPATING IN NOR SPONSORING THE CONFERENCE.
HOWEVER, THE GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY FELT IT COULD DO LITTLE
TO STOP IT WITHOUT PAYING A DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGH

POLITICAL COST AT HOME. IN AN EFFORT TO LIMIT THE IMPACT OF
THE CONFERENCE, THE GOVERNMENT PROHIBITED STREET DEMONSTRATIONS
IN CONNECTION WITH IT.
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